

COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 4:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting Room  
Casper City Hall

AGENDA

1. CAEDA 2013-2018 Strategic Plan
2. Chickens in the City Limits/Urban Agriculture
3. Parks Master Plan
4. iPad Demonstration

April 17, 2013

MEMO TO: Her Honor, The Mayor, and Members of City Council

FROM: John C. Patterson, City Manager

SUBJECT: Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, Inc., Five-Year Strategic Plan

Recommendation:

That Council, by resolution, express support of the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, Inc., Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Summary:

At the January 8, 2013, Council work session, a presentation was made pertaining to the 2013-2018 Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (CAEDA) Five-Year Strategic Plan.

A final document has now been submitted and CAEDA is requesting Council's formal support of the plan.

A resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE CASPER  
AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC., 2013-  
2018 FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Casper City Council acknowledges that Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (CAEDA), serves as the principal catalyst for economic development by leading, encouraging, and facilitating diversification and expansion of the Casper area economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Casper City Council recognizes that CAEDA exists as a private entity, allowing the organization the ability to lobby, ability to solicit and utilize both private and public funds, ability to work with a variety of developers and real estate agents, and the ability to respond quickly; and,

WHEREAS, the Casper City Council realizes a need exists for businesses to stay secure and confidential, and acknowledges that CAEDA is able to guarantee discretion; and,

WHEREAS, CAEDA has developed and adopted a five-year strategic plan to address ten areas of emphasis, including: Job Creation; Incentives; Workforce Development; Transportation; Power and Telecommunications; Higher Education; Entrepreneurship; Community Partnerships; Fiscal Responsibility; and, Communication; and,

WHEREAS, the strategic plan is the result of thoughtful and honest discussion and a strong document that provides a roadmap to address the work necessary to achieve the CAEDA mission in partnership with the City of Casper, and the plan calls for the highest level of accountability, integrity and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, the strategic plan was reviewed by the Casper City Council at its January 8, 2013, work session; and, and expressed support for the 2013-2018 Five-Year Strategic Plan for CAEDA, recognizing that CAEDA has addressed issues important to the success of the City of Casper's strategic plan and vision; and,

WHEREAS, the Casper City Council sees the strategic plan as a living document with goals and performance measures, and also recognizes the plan as being flexible and innovative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING: That the Casper City Council hereby expresses support for the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, Inc., 2013-2018 Five-Year Strategic Plan as a way to achieve economic development goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Casper City Council and the City of Casper is committed to uphold the plan and the guiding principles there within.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING  
A Municipal Corporation

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V. H. McDonald  
City Clerk

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Kenyne Schlager  
Mayor



Casper Area Economic  
Development Alliance, Inc.



# Five-Year Strategic Plan

2013-2018

# History of CAEDA

The Casper Area Economic Development Alliance (CAEDA) has been working to develop, improve, and diversify Casper's economy for 26 years.

CAEDA is an organization of private and public resources, businesses, and individuals that work together for the benefit of the Casper area. Our designation as a 501(c)(6) private, non-profit corporation gives us the ability to use public funds and grants, as well as solicit private funding to fulfill our mission.

The majority of our funding comes from the Economic Development Joint Powers Board (EDJPB), which gives representation in our organization to the City of Casper and Natrona County. We are also funded by private memberships in our organization by individuals and businesses with an interest in seeing Casper's economy grow.

## Mission Statement

CAEDA serves as the principal catalyst for economic development by leading, encouraging, and facilitating diversification and expansion of the Casper area economy.

# Forward

We believe that the Casper area stands at the threshold of a new era of economic prosperity. Over the past 26 years, CAEDA has been working with public and private entities to lay the foundation for a major push in economic growth.

We have recently developed and approved a strategic plan to help us capitalize on that growth, and we are currently working to implement that plan over the next five years.

Key to that plan will be CAEDA's efforts to diversify our industry and employment base, invest in infrastructure (including transit, land use, and communications), improve availability of electrical resources, and help make sure that a trained, educated workforce has the skills necessary to fill the jobs of today and tomorrow.





# Moving Forward

In 2012, CAEDA developed and adopted a Five-Year Strategic Plan to address ten areas

of concern. These areas of concern are:

- Job creation
- Incentives
- Workforce Development
- Transportation
- Power and Telecommunications
- Higher Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Community Partnerships
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Communication

## Job Creation

While we enjoy a low unemployment rate relative to the country as a whole, we have job shortages in many industries. CAEDA is determined to create more jobs, especially in areas where we can take advantage of the strengths of the Casper market, such as: energy research and development; heavy industries and manufacturing; technology; and fabrication.

We believe that continued job growth is a necessary part of building a healthy workforce and tax base, which in turn is a necessary part of building a stronger community.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish target market &amp; strategy with Board of Directors (Done)</li> <li>• Economic development focus identified (Done)</li> <li>• Develop targeted industry marketing packets</li> <li>• Develop new website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in primary jobs linked to CAEDA's activities</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rocky Mountain Power; Governor; Wyoming Business Council; Private community partners</p>	

# Incentives

CAEDA's goal is to work with — not against — existing developers, community organizations, and local governments. To facilitate this cooperative relationship CAEDA has made a commitment to:

- only use incentives when company would not otherwise relocate;
- not compete with private development enterprises;
- operate in an open and honest manner;
- promote the development of privately held properties; and
- focus our resources to capture business enterprises that are outside the scope of private development.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of speculative building (Underway)</li> <li>• Develop area of focus for land ownership</li> <li>• Location needs of targeted industry</li> <li>• Implement CAIC revolving loan program (Underway)</li> <li>• Establish quarterly developer/Realtor meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and secure funding sources</li> <li>• Land ownership &amp; planning for building of business park</li> <li>• Appropriate revolving loan opportunity</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b> WBC; EDJPB funding support; Rocky Mountain Power; Governor; local governments; local developers	



# Workforce Development

Because many of these new jobs will require educational degrees and advanced training, CAEDA will continue to work with educational institutions and training programs in the area to develop a prepared, educated, and skilled workforce to meet the needs of current and future employers.

We continue to work closely with Casper College and the University of Wyoming to develop and expand the degree programs that will be of value in our changing economy, and we will lobby for Workforce Development Training funding to assist in training and recruitment.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearinghouse of training program information</li> <li>• Set up routine meetings with workforce development partners</li> <li>• Lobby for full funding of job training grants (Underway)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training &amp; development data base for info &amp; registration</li> <li>• Training &amp; development service for companies</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b></p> <p>Casper College; DWFS; UW/CC; McMurry Training Center; IBEW; Sage Technical Services</p>	



# Transportation

Promoting growth in manufacturing, fabrication, heavy industry, and energy research and development will require improved transportation infrastructure.

CAEDA continues to work with WyDOT, Casper/Natrona County International Airport (C/NCIA), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF), and the City of Casper to ensure investment in ongoing projects that improve the transportation systems throughout Natrona County.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support dialogue</li> <li>• Setup routine meetings with transportation partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded rail access with utility infrastructure</li> <li>• Support expanded highway infrastructure West Belt, Bar Nunn</li> <li>• Air subsidy to support new air startups</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Legislature - increase fuel tax; WYDOT; C/NCIA; BNSF; MPO; Wyoming Aeronautics Commission</p>	



# Power and Telecommunication

New business growth will require power and access to ultra-high-speed communications networks. CAEDA will work to improve electrical and telecommunications infrastructure through local partnerships, government grants, and private funds. We plan to:

- create an ultra-high-speed fiber network;
- create a consortium of power users;
- work with Rocky Mountain Power to expand access to electrical infrastructure;
- lobby for public monies to improve access to power and infrastructure; and make these resources available to private and public business development.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consortium of supporters</li> <li>• Develop communication tools for fiber</li> <li>• Obtain funding for fiber ring (Underway)</li> <li>• Create consortium &amp; plan of action for electricity</li> <li>• Legislative information sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiber ring constructed</li> <li>• Improve accessibility, efficiency &amp; level of service from RMP</li> <li>• Retain lobbyist to assist with legislative actions</li> </ul>

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**  
 Governor and State agencies; Rocky Mountain Power;  
 Wyoming Broadband Coalition; Link Wyoming



# Higher Education

As part of creating an educated workforce, CAEDA continues to work closely with Casper College (CC) and the University of Wyoming to make sure our graduating students are better prepared for the jobs that exist now and in the future.

We are currently working to expand degree programs at CC and UW/CC in industries that make sense to our current and future economy. That includes improving and developing curriculum in areas of engineering, business, technology, and health care.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UW support for the Higher Education Committee Strategic Plan (Done)</li> <li>• Retain lobbyist to assist with legislative actions</li> <li>• Coordinate CC and UW/CC efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional 4 year programs @ UW/CC</li> <li>• Local fundraising efforts to support the expansion of UW/CC</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support from UW to Expand UW/CC; UW/CC to lead implementation; Wyoming Legislature; Casper College</p>	





# Entrepreneurship

Diversification of Casper's economy is going to require the development of new small businesses. We have recently begun the transfer of the Casper Area Innovation Center (CAIC) to the University of Wyoming.

We will continue to support and expand the use of the Innovation Center as a positive avenue for the creation of new small businesses. CAEDA will also be creating a prototype lab at the Innovation Center to help in the growth of research and development industries.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UW to assume CAIC management (Underway)</li> <li>• Create UW/CAEDA partnership (Done)</li> <li>• CAEDA seat on advisory board</li> <li>• 20-40 year old CAEDA board seat (Done)</li> <li>• Creation of a fabrication/prototype lab at CAIC (Underway)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research &amp; Development: School of Energy Resources</li> <li>• Reverse CAIC model – Industry driven clients supported by CAIC partners</li> <li>• NCSD tie to CAIC (Underway)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casper College; University of Wyoming; Natrona County School District; Casper Young Professionals</p>	

# Community Partnerships

CAEDA plans to expand its collaborative relationships with partner businesses, organizations, and government offices in the community in an attempt to realign efforts and endeavors to improve the Casper economy. We will:

- work closely with the Natrona County Commission (NCC), City of Casper, Amoco Reuse Agreement Joint Powers Board (ARAJPB), Economic Development Joint Powers Board (EDJPB), Wyoming Business Council (WBC), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Casper Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), Casper College, and Natrona County School District (NCSD) to establish clear goals and responsibilities;
- establish and attend quarterly meetings with key stakeholder organizations;
- establish and attend quarterly meetings with private developers and Realtors; and
- increase private membership in CAEDA.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly Wyoming Business Council meetings (Underway)</li> <li>• Quarterly meetings with cities, county, and ARAJPB</li> <li>• 1:1 Meetings with Forward Casper members</li> <li>• Chamber, DDA, CVB: Outline Opportunity</li> <li>• Establish quarterly developer/Realtor meetings (Underway)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded relationship with the University of Wyoming</li> <li>• Forward Casper membership at 200 members</li> <li>• Identified roles for CAEDA, cities, DDA, CVB, and Casper Area Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>



# Fiscal Responsibility

CAEDA works diligently to be good stewards of the public and private funding it receives. We will continue to set budgets based on goals and other metrics. We also plan to increase private funding and organization membership over the next five years.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish board policy for budget</li> <li>• Develop detailed budget including manpower needs assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased private funding for CAEDA</li> <li>• Support and pass One-Cent sales tax</li> </ul>

# Communication

We realize that we have not been great communicators in the past, either with our membership, our partners, or the general public. As part of our strategic plan, we aim to dramatically improve our engagement of the public, as well as other organizations and private enterprises, in our ongoing economic development efforts.

We are currently undertaking a complete overhaul of our brand to meet the goals outlined in our strategic plan. This rebranding, along with new communications tools, will allow us to better communicate with our core audience.

Quarterly meetings with key stakeholders will allow us to have a more collaborative relationship with organizations and private businesses.

1 YEAR GOALS	3 TO 5 YEAR GOALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and utilize all opportunities to communicate successes utilizing media partners through an advertising campaign</li> <li>• 1:1 FC meetings, quarterly breakfasts</li> <li>• New website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive GIS via website</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY PARTNERS</b> Media partners	

# Moving Forward

This is an ambitious plan, but one we feel will return substantial benefits for the Casper community. We have a lot of work ahead of us and we've already started on many aspects of our strategic plan.

But we can't succeed on our own. We need your help and your involvement. Strategic partnerships with municipalities, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and for-profit enterprises will be required in order to meet our goals over the next five years.

## Get Involved

To take part in CAEDA's Five-Year Strategic Plan and make a positive impact on Casper's local and regional economy, email us today at [info@caeda.net](mailto:info@caeda.net) or give us a call at (307) 577-7011.



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April 17, 2013

MEMO TO: John C. Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Chris Walsh, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Urban Agriculture Designations

Recommendation:

No recommendation, information only.

Summary:

The Casper City Council has received requests from residents to allow owning chickens and maintaining bee hives within the city.

Currently, there are no provisions allowing residents to keep chickens within the city in areas zoned for urban agriculture. Many cities across the nation allow residents to keep chickens in residential areas of town. Research from other cities demonstrates that allowing chickens within the city limits has very little impact on police or animal control calls for service. Regulations would need to be established on the number of chickens per residence, and establishing minimum standards for shelter and protective enclosures to minimize the impact to neighbors and to protect the welfare of the chickens from predators and disease.

Current city code does not allow for the keeping of bees with the city limits. Information from other cities which allow the keeping of bees shows that well-maintained and properly kept bee hives have little negative impact to a neighborhood. By establishing an ordinance to regulate the number, size and location of hives on any one property, nuisance behaviors are mitigated.

The impact to other communities that allow chickens and bees has not been a significant impact on their city staff. If it is decided to allow chickens and bees in the city limits, it is recommended that it be regulated by establishing a city ordinance that sets forth requirements on ownership. Additions and amendments are required to current city code. Those changes are attached in draft form. I would also recommend that the city restrict ownership to the following zoning areas within the city:

- AG, Urban Agriculture
- R-1, Residential Estate
- R-2, One Unit Residential
- R-6, Manufactured Home
- M-1, Limited Industrial
- M-2, General Industrial

# Municipal Code Draft

## 6.04.010 - Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings as set out in this section:

16. A. "Domesticated animals" means those individual animals which have been made tractable or tame.

B. "Farm Animal" means any domestic species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, or horses, which are normally and have historically, been kept and raised on farms in the U.S. and used or intended for use as food or fiber.

## 6.04.260 - ~~Chickens and other fowl~~ **Ducks, geese or turkeys and other fowl**—Location restrictions.

~~Chickens~~, ducks, geese or turkeys may be kept and maintained within the animal control district only in areas which are properly zoned for such use, or a zoning board of adjustment exception has been allowed. Such exceptions may be granted for organized youth group projects and dog training purposes.

*(Ord. 21-84 § 14, 1984)*

## 6.04.270 - ~~Chickens and other fowl~~—~~Enclosure and other limitations.~~

~~All persons owning fowl not mentioned in Section 6.04.260 within the animal control district limits, and all exceptions provided in Section 6.04.260 shall be kept enclosed in a good and substantial pen, and shall limit the number kept to five. Such pen shall not be within one hundred feet of any school, church, hospital, residence or dwelling, except the residence or dwelling of the owner, and the pen shall be cleaned daily and approved by the health department. The zoning board of adjustment may grant exceptions to the one hundred foot requirement of this section for organized youth group projects.~~

## **6.04.270 – Keeping of Chickens and Bees – Enclosure and other limitations.**

Except in those zone districts where the keeping of farm animals is allowed (AG, R-1, R-2, R-6, M-1, M2), the keeping of more than five (5) chicken hens is prohibited. However, up to five (5) chicken hens may be kept per parcel of property, subject to the following requirements and subject to all other applicable provisions of this chapter.

- (1) Any person keeping chicken hens pursuant to this provision must first have been issued a permit by Metro Animal Control and Welfare and have paid a one-time fee of \$40;
- (2) Only chicken hens are permitted, no roosters;
- (3) The chicken hens must be provided with a covered, predator-resistant chicken house that is properly ventilated, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained, and at least two and one half (2 ½) square feet per chicken in size;
- (4) During daylight hours, the chicken hens must have access to the chicken house and also have access to an outdoor enclosure that is adequately fenced to protect them from predators;
- (5) The chicken hens must be further protected from predators by being closed in the chicken house from dusk to dawn;
- (6) Neither the chicken house nor the outdoor enclosure may be located less than fifteen (15) feet from any abutting property line;
- (7) The chicken hens must be sheltered or confined in such a fashion as to prevent them from coming into contact with wild ducks or geese or their excrement.

## Beekeeping

- (1) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have meanings ascribed to them in this section.
  - a. Apiary shall mean a place where bee colonies are kept.
  - b. Bee shall mean any stage of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis Mellifera* Species. Colony shall mean a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including bees, comb, honey, pollen, and brood.
  - c. Hive shall mean a structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.
  - d. Tract shall mean a contiguous parcel of land under common ownership.
- (2) Hives. All bee colonies shall be kept in inspectable type hives with removable combs, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
- (3) Setback. All hives shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any adjoining property with the back of the hive facing the nearest adjoining property.

(4) Fencing of flyways. In each instance in which any colony is situated within twenty-five (25) feet of a developed public or private property line of the tract upon which the apiary is situated, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall or fence parallel to the property line and extending ten (10) feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six (6) feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.

(5) Water. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available at all times to the bees so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, bibcocks, pet water bowls, birdbaths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird, or domestic pet contact. The water shall be maintained so as not to become stagnant.

(6) Maintenance. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials that might encourage robbing are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

(7) Queens. In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits an unusual disposition towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to re-queen the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and nonswarming characteristics.

(7) Colony densities.

a. It shall be unlawful to keep more than the following number of colonies on any tract within the city, based upon the size or configuration of the tract on which the apiary is situated:

i. One-quarter acre or less tract size – Two colonies;

ii. More than one-quarter acre but less than one-half acre tract size – Four colonies;

iii. One-half acre or more but less than one acre tract size – Six colonies;

iv. One acre or larger tract size – Eight colonies

v. Regardless of tract size, where all hives are situated at least 200 feet in any direction from all property lines of the tract on which the apiary is situated, there shall be no limited to the number of colonies

(9) Prohibited. The keeping by any person of bee colonies in the city not strict compliance with this section is prohibited. Any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping, or any swarm of bees, or any colony residing in a standard or homemade hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper, is unlawful and may be summarily destroyed or removed from the city by the city manager or designee.

(10) Any person keeping hives pursuant to this provision must first have an approved application on file with Metro Animal Control and Welfare; the fee shall be one-time in the amount of \$40.

17.12.050 - Environmental constraints.

- A. No use or operation which may cause one or more of the environmental problems as set forth below shall not be allowed in any district.
- B. Objectionable or Harmful Substances, Conditions, or Operations. Any environmental uses or operations which may cause one or more of the following environmental problems:
  - 1. Creation of a physical hazard by fire, explosion, radiation, or other cause to persons or property at or beyond the property line of the premises in question;
  - 2. Discharge of any hazardous or toxic liquid or solid waste into any stream or body of water, or into any public or private disposal system or into the ground so as to contaminate the groundwater supply;
  - 3. Maintenance or storage of any material, either indoors or outdoors, so as to cause or to facilitate the breeding of vermin;
  - 4. Emission of smoke or gas which constitutes a hazard to the health, safety, or welfare of the general public, excluding fireplaces and wood and coal burning stoves;
  - 5. Fly ash, gas, or dust which can cause hazard, damage, or injury to persons, animals, or plant life or to other forms of property at or beyond the property line of the premises in question;
  - 6. Creation or causation of any offensive odors or unlawful noise at or beyond any property line of the premises in question;
  - 7. Creation or maintenance of any dispatching or objectionable vibration and/or electrical disturbances at or beyond any property line of the premises in question;
  - 8. ~~Beehives and/or keeping of bees; or~~
  - 9. Any environmental public nuisance.



# Urban Agriculture

Beekeeping

Chickens

# Why Beekeeping?



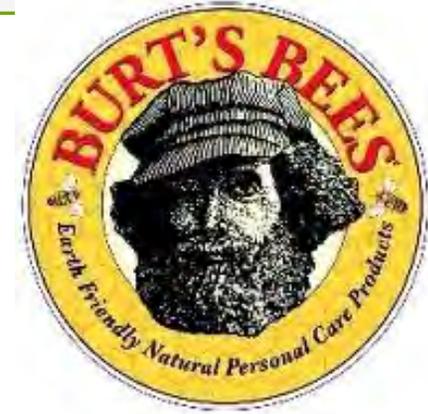
- Did you know?...
  - Honey is the ONLY food that includes all the substances necessary to sustain life, including water.
  - A typical beehive can make more than 100 pounds of honey per year
  - Approximately 7-8 pounds of honey are consumed by bees to produce 1 pound of beeswax.

# Benefits to Beekeeping

- Honey
  - Source of revenue
    - 1 hive can produce 100 lbs. of honey per year
  - All natural



# Benefits to Beekeeping (cont' d)



- Beeswax
  - Another source of revenue can sell for \$4/lb.
  - Variety of uses; candles, cosmetics, and polishes just to name a few

***Did you know?:** In 181 BC, when the Romans defeated the Corsicans, they imposed a tax of 100,000 lbs. of beeswax.*



# Benefits to Beekeeping (cont' d)

- Pollination – the process by which pollen is transferred in the reproduction of plants, thereby enabling fertilization and reproduction

*What that means is  
healthier plants and  
flowers for us...*



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# Benefits to Beekeeping (cont' d)



- Honey produced locally will contain some of the pollens people are breathing in and therefore eating local honey will help build a person's resistance to pollen and alleviate seasonal allergies.



# Concerns to Beekeeping

## o Stings

- o Queenlessness
- o Nectar Dearth – robbing
- o Alarm Pheromone



# Concerns to Beekeeping (cont'd)

- What about hornets and yellowjackets?
  - Will attack a hive to get honey or single out weak bees for food.
  - Much more aggressive than honeybees, and attracted to human food, especially sugar.



# Concerns to Beekeeping (cont' d)

- Maintaining populations
  - Bees will travel for miles to find pollen, some beekeepers have trouble keeping their bee populations



# Progressive Beekeeping...

- Allow hives with restrictions and enforce compliance
- Public education; photos and updates would serve the community well



# Chickens...

...are crossing into backyard America. The "urban hen movement" is found nationwide and often defies local ordinances.



## So why do people want chickens?

- Food security/sustainability
- Resource conservation
- Buying local
- Knowing where food comes from
- Teaching their children responsibility



# Apprehensions about chickens.....

- Smell
  - Coop material needs replaced at least once per month
  - 5 chickens create less manure than 1 medium sized dog, and chicken droppings make excellent fertilizer



# Apprehensions about chickens (cont' d).....

- Noise

Yes, they can cackle and bawlk.  
Proponents of chickens maintain they are much less noisy than a barking dog. Many say it depends on the breed.



# Apprehensions about chickens (cont' d).....

- Predators

Ordinance restrictions would provide protection for chickens against predators. However, there is no guarantee chickens would not draw predators into the community and risk the safety of domestic pets.



# Apprehensions about chickens (cont' d).....

- *Where does it stop?*

Currently, only appropriate zoning allows for farm animals in Casper, but the trend for citizens to maintain a miniature urban farm is progressing on a national scale .



# Benefits to chickens

- Eggs – pastured chickens have healthier eggs, 33% less cholesterol and 25% less saturated fat than factory chicken eggs
- Family involvement – children learn patience, responsibility and where food comes from
- Back to our roots



# Impact from allowing beekeeping and chickens in urban environments

- Cities report little impact on calls for service. Most calls reported relate to roosters or loose chickens, even then, most cities report only a handful of calls.
- Metro will make informational packets available to educate the public on these issues

Presented by:  
Tory Cutrell



April 17, 2013

MEMO TO: John C. Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director  
David Hough, Special Projects Coordinator

SUBJECT: Casper Parks and Open Space Plan

Recommendation:

That Council support the initiation of a Casper Parks and Open Space Plan public participation effort; appoint a Council member to the Oversight Committee; and, authorize the expenditure of not more than \$15,000 for the completion of the plan.

Summary:

In 1982, the City of Casper adopted the *Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services Master Plan*. The plan included a needs assessment and recommendations on improvements and operational changes. The community has grown significantly since that time and five new parks have been built. Though the layout of the newest parks involved the neighboring residents, an overall park planning effort has not occurred for many years. As the community continues to grow, new parks will be needed. A parks and open space plan will help identify where parks may be needed and what improvements should take place in existing parks.

The City of Casper has an excellent parks system of 46 parks, with more than 300 acres of improved parkland. This puts Casper ahead of many communities of similar size. However, there are areas of Casper not served by neighborhood parks, and as the community grows, more parks may be needed. The attached exhibit on people served by neighborhood parks shows that approximately 6,000 residents do not have a park within easy walking distance. Most of these individuals live in Paradise Valley, south of Wyoming Boulevard or off of South Missouri Avenue. A plan is needed to identify where parks may be warranted to serve Casper's current residents, and where parks will be needed to serve the neighborhoods that will emerge over the next 10 years. In addition to new parks, many of Casper's older parks may need to be modified or upgraded to meet the recreational needs of all facets of the community. It is believed timely to prepare a community wide Parks and Open Space Master Plan to guide the development of new parks and reinvestment in our existing parks.

The Public Services Department initiated a parks planning effort a few years ago by preparing a complete inventory of the improvements within Casper's parks, including an assessment of the age and condition of the improvements. As reflected in the attached exhibit, most of the amenities in the parks are in good or excellent condition. There are a significant number of playgrounds, however, that are in poor condition. A determination must be made on when specific playgrounds should be replaced, and if the new playground needs to accommodate older or younger children.

Systematic observations have been made on who is using the parks, how they spend their time, and how much use the tables/shelter, playgrounds, playing fields, walking paths, and special features are getting. There were more children observed in the parks than any other age group (see attached exhibit) which is encouraging at a time when there are concerns about the little amount of exercise many children are getting. Adults and seniors were not observed in the parks as much as one might expect, which may mean our parks do not provide what Casper's older residents want or need.

The public has not been involved in the current parks assessment process thus far. To get a clear picture of what needs to be done to meet the current and future needs of Casper's residents, a comprehensive parks plan is needed. If the Council wishes to proceed with a formal parks master plan, it is recommended that an oversight committee be formed and a public engagement plan be developed and executed. As envisioned, the oversight committee would be made up of representatives from the Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Leisure Services Advisory Board, City staff, and a community representative. The committee would seek input from the public on: 1) overall goals and objectives that will guide future parks development and improvement efforts; 2) the identification of new and future park locations; 3) improvements or changes needed in existing parks; and, 4) determining what would encourage residents to get out and use Casper's parks, paths, and open space more often.

The City of Casper dedicates a significant level of effort to the maintenance and upkeep of the parks system. Council has consistently supported the Parks Division with the funds needed to maintain a system of quality parks. In recent years, approximately \$2.5 million has been spent on park maintenance annually. In terms of capital improvements, an average of \$550,000 per year is spent on parks improvement replacements and upgrades. At that rate, an estimated \$5.5 million will be spent on existing parks over the next 10 years. An average of \$500,000 was spent on each of the parks that have been built since 2000. Adding a number of new parks in the next 10 years will push the funding of a parks program to over \$ 7.5 million. Preparing a comprehensive parks plan, with considerable involvement from the public, will help ensure that future parks funds continue to be spent in a sound manner.

City staff has done all the work on the parks improvements and public use assessment to date. The staff of the Community Development, Public Services and Leisure Services Departments can complete the plan, and no assistance is required from outside consultants. Nevertheless, assistance from an individual or firm skilled in public engagement and the preparation of a quality plan may result in a better, more effective plan. The cost to complete the plan in-house should not exceed \$5,000. Staff believes that a thorough public engagement process and quality plan could be prepared by an outside consultant for not more than \$15,000. Staff recommends that outside assistance be contracted to complete the plan.

Discussions have occurred with faculty members of the Communications Department at Casper College regarding assistance with public surveys, graphics and design, presentation materials, public meetings, and the creation of a project website. It may be possible to get help completing the plan from a team of Casper College students during the 2013/2014 fall semester.

**Estimated Number of Residents who live  
more than 10 Minutes  
from a Neighborhood Park  
(based on addressed lots)**

<b>Area/Neighborhood</b>	<b>Estimated Residents</b>	<b>School in the Vicinity</b>
South & west Paradise Valley	2,263	
South of Wyoming Blvd.	1,749	
Missouri and 21 <sup>st</sup>	1,018	
Riverwest/Trails West	435	
Gosfield	366	X
Parkridge	340	
Heritage Hills	278	X
College at David	169	X
14 <sup>th</sup> and Trojan	162	X
Centennial Hills Village	140	X
	<b>6,720</b>	<b>839</b>

### Condition of Park Amenities

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Total (%)</b>
Benches	2 (1.2%)	28 (17.6%)	69 (43.3%)	60 (37.7%)	159 (100)
Tables	1 (0.8%)	21 (17.2%)	79 (64.7%)	21 (17.2%)	122 (100)
Swings	0 (0.0%)	10 (12.6%)	59 (74.6%)	10 (12.6%)	79 (100)
Shelters	2 (3.4%)	8 (13.7%)	29 (50.0%)	19 (32.7%)	58 (100)
Playstructures	4 (7.8%)	25 (49.0%)	17 (33.3%)	5 (9.8%)	51 (100)
BBQs	13 (26.5%)	2 (4.1%)	29 (59.3%)	5 (10.2%)	49 (100)
Tennis Ct.	0 (0.0%)	6 (42.8%)	8 (57.1%)	0 (0.0%)	14 (100)
Basketball Ct.	1 (11.1%)	1 (11.1%)	6 (66.6%)	1 (11.1%)	9 (100)
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 (4.2%)</b>	<b>101 (18.7%)</b>	<b>296 (54.7%)</b>	<b>121 (22.3%)</b>	<b>541 (100)</b>

**Park Users by Age  
Relative to the General Population**

<b>Age Cohort</b>	<b>Percent of Park Users</b>	<b>Percent of General Population</b>	<b>Relative Number of Park Users</b>
Child (<11)	43%	14.2%	300% more
Youth (11-19)	14%	13.7%	equal
Young Adult (20-29)	11%	14.0%	3% less
Adult (30-69)	29%	46.1%	63% less
Senior (>69)	4%	10.7%	37% less
	100%	100%	

April 15, 2013

MEMO TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Kenyne Schlager, Mayor

SUBJECT: iPads

For some time now, the City Council has been utilizing laptop computers to access packet documents. This effort was instituted to provide additional technology to Council, as well as reduce the amount of paper being used, and staff resources needed to print and distribute hard copies. The laptops currently in use are scheduled for replacement in the very near future.

City staff has been asked to demonstrate iPads to see if there is any interest in moving away from the laptops. The devices are simple, easy to use, and well-suited for reading. The iPads would be set up so that Council packets could be accessed by the simple click of an icon on the screen. They would also be set up to synchronize with City e-mail and calendars. Other e-mail and calendar accounts are also able to be added as well. An individual iPad would be checked out to each of you, and it would be **your responsibility to be sure they were brought to each meeting.**

The cost to purchase iPads for all Council members would be less than \$5,000, as opposed to approximately \$12,000 for new laptops. With the purchase of this new equipment, **the copying of paper packets would be eliminated.** This would also result in a cost savings of staff time and resources. Staff would continue to provide paper packets if and when there are documents which are difficult to read on an electronic device. (i.e., budget, etc.).

On another note, since the new Council members have all had an opportunity to adjust to Council meetings and agenda processes, etc., I would like to eliminate the sending out of an agenda with a summary of each agenda item. We will discuss this further at the work session.

If you have questions or concerns, please let me know.